

In attendance:

Stacy Parsons (Chairing)

Mary Weeks

Joe Trybus

Jack Hickey

7:00 pm

Informational meeting with Deb Thayer, 400 North Main Street

Re: storm damage from Irene

- Reviewed video of the storm damage
- Culvert is now filled with debris, diverting water into the yard and over the top of the septic.
- Seeking to dig out river bed, straighten. Clean out culvert. Stream is intermittent and dry all summer.
- Emergency regulations expired. Recommended to work with engineer to create plan to protect house/septic and file for the appropriate permit at that time.

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Informational meeting with Mark Siegars re: concerns about the Mall Road/stormwater impacts

- Reviewed As Built plan from 1959 from Mass Highway. Brook was not piped in the redesign of Rt. 8. Any piping of the stream occurred after that date. Does not appear that there is runoff coming from the State.
- Recommendation we send a letter to Pittsfield to further investigate stormwater pollution coming from Rt. 8/Petricca site and discharging into stream by bike trail.
- Berms are up all over the Petricca property to contain the water.
- Runoff from the farm: referred through Amiee Thayer who alerted the appropriate organization.
- M. Siegars-old topography all runoff used to head toward the current jail property
- Losing part of the road, @40 foot section that has been eroded. Proposing blocks to reinforce the road and the bank to reinforce the road at least temporarily as they work with the contractor to decided on an intervention/repair. Looking to reinforce the bank. Commission will consider it an emergency repair.
- Site visit on Tuesday, 3:30 pm by Mary, Joe, and Jack. Meeting by

7:40

Informational meeting with Matt Puntin, SK Design Group representing 77 Baker Street

Mark Siegars and Ron Tinkham from Baker Hill Road District in attendance.

- Reviewed revised plans that include the building of a bridge and site photos.
- 6" diameter culvert to meet stream crossing standards, 24 'long, and head walls.
- Working on wetlands restoration, not complete at this time. Intent to submit As Built Plan when project is complete.

- Storm last Thursday likely caused erosion that needs to be addressed.
- Reviewed complaint about truck traffic on Baker Street, may have been as part of the construction process.
- Commissioners may conduct site inspection @ 3:00 on Tuesday 10/4.

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No abutters in attendance for the Lanesborough Conservation meeting. Andrew Madden called at 7 pm and was unable to attend but reviewed his concerns and asked his letter be included as the discussion.

Ron Tinkham, Friends of Pontoosuc, in attendance

Jack Hickey, abstaining

- Reviewed concerned raised about the public meeting notice.
- Reviewed concerns raised by Andrew Madden in phone conversation with S. Parsons. Reivewed letter from Fish and Wildlife.
- Reviewed joint meeting with Pittsfield Conservation. Amended from 6 foot drawdown to a five foot drawdown. A. Madden read the letter and Friends of Pontoosuc gave data regarding fish kills and other lake effects during prior deep drawdowns.
- Benefit of the deep drawdown is the reduced use of herbicides overall.
- Reviewed email from L. Hauge regarding his questions/concerns directed toward the Pittsfield Conservation Commission regarding their special conditions. May be gap in dissolved oxygen monitoring depending ability to access the lake.
- Reviewed concern about raising lake by April 1st. Reviewed proposal for process of achieving deep drawdown and refilling the lake and effects on wildlife outline in the DFW letter of 9/13/11.
- Reviewed informational discussion with L. Hauge from 9/12/11 Commission meeting. Deep drawdown
- Recommendation to accept the Pittsfield order as written with the 5 foot drawdown. Unanimous approval.

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Informational meeting with Richard Lawler, 41 Baker Street

- Requesting to fill side lot due to water pooling in it.
- Reporting no wetlands on property. Area used to be mowed. Water is impacting trees. Town storm drain empties on to the property. Has discussed the issue with the Selectmen and the Highway Department.
- Commission will visit the site and coordinate with the Highway Department Superintendent. Jack and Mary will take a look tomorrow, 10/4

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Informational meeting with Jeff Loholdt, North Main Street

- Stream crossing to access hay fields damaged in Hurricane Irene. Normally pipes are appropriately sized but storm flow caused washed out around the culverts.

- Reviewed site photos and previous site plan. Two existing steel pipes that cross.
- Will conduct site visit 10/11 at 4:15pm to review site and plans to address storm damage

8:45 pm

Informational meeting with Denny Condron representing:

Brenner, 77 Nobody's Road,

- Bridge washed out last year and washing around the abutments.
- Reviewed site photos. Reviewed impressions from previous site visits about state of pond and the other culvert.
- Reviewed file with notes about previous plans and need to file either NOI or RDA.
- Reviewed process for filing for the Request for Determination. Will leave a copy of the form for D. Condron and copy the Brenner's on the requirements.

Bill Christenson, Narragansett Ave

- Retaining wall project. Looking to replace existing wooden wall.
- Needs to match the existing shoreline. Property is part of the 100 year floodplain.
- Recommending Notice of Intent for the shoreline work.

Representing property owner Notice of Intent recommended for corner of Sunrise to rip rap shoreline.

Other Business:

- Approved minutes for August and September
- Reviewed budget statements
- Ratified Certificate of Compliance for 35 Williamstown Road. Clerically separated the properties so that there is no active Order on one lot but remains in effect on the other.
- Review concerns about tainted well on Ore Bed-J. Trybus reported on progress. Test 16 testing for PCBs 1247 and 1248 testing positive since 1999 when closed the landfill. DEP enforcement order to address Trybus house, recommended core testing. Santec plans showed flow of water from landfill to brook. Triclorothene found 200 feet deep in well. Discussion about where the aquifer is flowing and what steps are being taken in Town.
- Received copy of Request for Departmental Action filed by Mark and Stephanie Abrams regarding work at 29 Profile Street.
- Received copy of letter from DEP RE: Unlicensed Structures at 3 Grove Street dated 8/25/11
- Received ZBA Notice of Variance for 20 Rockwell Road dated 8/22/11
- Received letter RE: Miner Road Bridge work, Water Quality Certification Modification dated 8/29/11
- General Mail